

THE SUNA TIMES

SOUTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Mark your calendar for the Tuesday evening, April 4, SUNA meeting!!

First, starting at 6:30 pm, we will be voting for four officers and five board members. We have been fortunate to have a very strong board during the current year, and there is an excellent list of candidates to serve for the next two years.

Following the election theme, there will then be a general meeting beginning at 7:00 pm which will feature a **candidates forum** in which we will hear from all three persons who are candidates in the May primary election to represent us as the Ward 3 member of the City Council. Bruce Mulligan, Alan Zelenka, and Jana Jackson have agreed to tell us why they seek to represent us and there will be opportunity for questions.

There are some very significant issues facing Eugene in the next few months, including development of Agate Street and Franklin Boulevard up to the site of the new UO basketball arena, and, as we all know, the potential development of Downtown Eugene is in high gear. The City Council has given support of neighborhood associations a high priority and we will have an opportunity to be heard on these issues and on others close to our interest in the South University Neighborhood. So, the election of your new Board, and decision on our new City Council representative, will be very important.

Please plan to join us at the Edison School Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, April 4 to vote (beginning at 6:30) and for our meeting at 7:00! The meeting will begin with a skit from students from Edison School, and you will hear about plans for a big Garage Sale to benefit Edison School and SUNA scheduled for May 20. See you on April 4 !

Bob Peters
SUNA President

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NEW SUNA CHARTER

The newly adopted SUNA Charter was ratified by the Eugene City Council at its regular meeting Monday, February 27th. Action by the Council was the final step required for the charter to become effective.

The only person speaking before the Council was recently announced Ward 3 Council candidate, Jana Jackson. Jackson urged the Council to not adopt the charter because it contains a provision allowing SUNA Board members to meet electronically in emergency situations that require immediate action. Current Ward 3 Councilor David Kelly reminded the Council that many other neighborhood associations have such a practice, and some are placing the provision in their charters. The Council then unanimously approved the SUNA charter.

Al Couper

SUNA TO HOLD SPRING GARAGE SALE

Spring housecleaning time is almost here and SUNA plans to be there to help you dispose of those unwanted but useful items in a way that will simplify your life, and strengthen our community.

A garage sale to benefit Edison School and the SUNA budget is being planned for this Spring, according to Joyce Couper, garage sale committee member.

The sale will take place in the Edison School Cafeteria on Saturday May 20, 2006. Clean items in good repair, but not pillows or shoes, will be accepted. Unsold items may be picked up by the donors at the end of the day, or will be donated to charity. Additional information will be publicized at the April SUNA membership meeting, on the Edison website at <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/>, and, possibly, by postcard to SUNA members.

For additional information and offers to help, contact Joyce Couper at 484-7314 or Nancy McFadden at 342-3944.

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PLANS MARCH ON

The City's planning effort, Walnut Station MUD Plan, implementing the City's transportation and growth management policies, is occurring in the Fairmount Neighborhood. Ultimately it does affect SUNA. The current proposed study area includes both sides of Franklin Boulevard and the commercial area north of Franklin to 15th. There are three proposed alternatives. One of those will be chosen and implemented around April, 2006 with a completion date of June, 2007. The alternatives include decisions about density, street networks and City interventions.

Concurrent to the Walnut Station MUD Plan is an Agate St. Study by Public Works. Agate St. will be reviewed from Franklin Blvd. to 19th with a goal to make Agate St. operate more like an arterial. It was designated as one many years ago. Some of you may remember when Agate had parking on both sides and the traffic was slower. At least a decade ago Agate was studied and one of the recommendations was to remove parking on the East side of the street, and designate Agate as an arterial from a collector. The difference between those designations is the volume of traffic that Agate will be able to accept. In the case of a minor arterial designation Agate St. could be brought up to a standard to accept 20,000 cars per day. If that sounds like a lot, it is. Think Franklin Blvd. The benefits of the study to our neighborhood may be none now and, in fact, may have adverse consequences in the future. The desired outcome for Fairmount Neighbors is to calm traffic on streets such as 15th and others that run north/south from 19th connecting to Franklin Blvd.

Transportation corridors will affect the livability of our neighborhood. We have not been consulted or asked to participate in the Agate study, but these studies abutting our neighborhood are all signs that changes are in store and we need to formulate plans for how our neighborhood should look in the future.

For more information about the Agate St. Study, the person responsible is Lisa Gardner, 682-4800, lisa.a.gardner@ci.eugene.or.us. The Mixed Use Planner is Allen Lowe, 682-5113, allen.d.lowe@ci.eugene.or.us. Peter Bartel

SUNA BOARD EMBRACES EDISON SCHOOL

The SUNA Board of Directors recently decided that forging closer bonds with Edison Elementary School is an important goal for the coming year. Not only is the school building an important historical structure, but also the students and parents are a major cultural resource to our neighborhood, according to Board President Bob Peters.

The Board hopes to involve Edison in a variety of ways, some of which are already happening. One of the first was a dramatic presentation by students at the beginning of the last SUNA membership meeting. The students presented a skit entitled "Inclusion" that demonstrated the importance of welcoming and tolerating people with diverse viewpoints, appearance and interests.

A social mixer between the Edison Parent Council and SUNA members occurred at the same meeting. The Board hopes to eventually have parents represented as officers and members on the SUNA Board of Directors.

Last, but far from least, our schools are facing dire straits because of a recent court decision declaring the Eugene city levy unconstitutional. In response SUNA will once again stage a garage sale to benefit the school with a small percentage going to SUNA after \$1,000.

Al Couper

OCEAN WEEK AT EDISON SCHOOL: APRIL 17 - 21

Edison School staff and parent volunteers are preparing for Edison's annual Ocean Week. It will take place April 17-21. Ocean Week is part of the school-wide study about Marine Science. We would like to see more community people involved in this special celebration of our Wet Planet. If you, or anyone you know, has an expertise in any areas that relate to Marine Science, please let us know. Arts, literature, seafood, water sports, collections, and experiments are just a few possible topics. We are always looking for new presenters to keep our Marine Science study dynamic.

Besides presenters, many other volunteers are needed to assist classroom teachers in implementing the many exciting lessons that they have developed. The committee will be working with room parents to help organize these volunteers. But we need volunteers for some activities that are multi-grade level. So if you have a special interest in Marine Science or related topics, or just like to get involved with children, please call Edison School: 687-3284 and leave your name and telephone number and a committee member will get back to you. Check the Edison website for a schedule of events: <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/>.

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD '06 -'07 KINDERGARTENERS!

If you have a child ready to start Kindergarten at Edison this fall, please come to the school and enroll your child as soon as possible. The earlier we know the enrollment from the neighborhood, the better we can forecast the number of transfer students to take. Call Vicki, Edison's school secretary, at 687-3284 if you have questions. Thanks!

APRIL 4 6:30 PMEDISON SCHOOL CAFETERIA..... COME AND VOTE!

NOMINEES FOR THE SUNA BOARD

PRESIDENT-Bob Peters: "I am honored to be nominated to serve a second term as President. I have appreciated working with the excellent SUNA Board this past year and I feel that it has been a year of achievement, including the long anticipated revision of our Charter. For the past 40 years I have lived, with my family, in the same home on 21st Street. We feel privileged to live in this vibrant neighborhood and to participate in the work of our neighborhood association."

VICE PRESIDENT-Gene Humphries: "While living in the South University Neighborhood for the past 8 years I have come to appreciate that we live in a special community - one in which you feel you are part of a real neighborhood, with tall trees, well-kept houses, wide, green parks and restaurants and grocery stores along its margins. Yet I do not take these qualities for granted; we are surrounded on most sides by decaying communities and old apartment complexes. I got involved in SUNA 4 years ago so that I could help maintain the good qualities of our neighborhood, and to get to know better my neighbors. My goal for the next few years is to continue working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood."

SECRETARY-Joyce Couper: "I have been privileged to be the SUNA treasurer for two years and the secretary for this past year. I greatly appreciate the many positive things the Board has done for the neighborhood under Peg and Bob Peters' leadership, such as having outstanding guest speakers at SUNA meetings and conducting the Edison School Benefit Garage Sale. I strongly support the Board's position to forge even stronger ties with the Edison School kids, parents and faculty and with UO students in the coming years. If elected as secretary I will do my best to continue providing accurate minutes in a timely manner."

TREASURER-Larry Carter: "I would like to continue serving as your Treasurer of SUNA. In the past year as treasurer, the balance has grown from less than ten dollars to the current \$146.82. This growth is due to the generous contributions of SUNA neighbors. I will continue to work diligently to solicit contributions to support funding SUNA projects not paid for by the City of Eugene. I am currently a recently retired professor of sociology still teaching part time with reduced tenure and continuing an active academic research career."

Lo Caudle

• BOARD MEMBERS •

"I've lived in our neighborhood for almost 30 years, raised my son in the same home, met numerous 'next door' neighbors, and have found that 'home' truly is this well established classic and lovely environment. I'd like to have those feelings endure....to work for our neighborhood to see that they do. I'd like to see the diversity that has become SUNA unite. I'd like to see projects done together in the name of UNITY and FUN. I have been your SUNA Times Editor for the past two years."

Joan Dunbar

"My husband and I moved to Eugene last summer after 20 years in New York City. We chose Oregon because it is beautiful and resembles New Zealand where I grew up. We chose Eugene because like my hometown, it's a university town, close to the 45th parallel, has a similar climate, has hills, etc. And we chose the area south of the University because we wanted a sense of community and neighborhood. I am keen to be an active part of the community, and am delighted to contribute to the community by serving on the SUNA Board. I am a gerontologist, currently managing editor for the new edition of Encyclopedia of Elder Care, and occasionally do training programs about the elderly for a major drug company."

Don Klinghammer

"I have been filling a board position for the past 4 months by appointment, and will continue in that capacity if formally elected by SUNA members in the pending election. I have been a resident of Eugene and this neighborhood for over 30 years. I was born and raised in LaGrande and have spent almost my entire professional life as a protective services supervisor and caseworker with the former Children's Services Division of Lane County. My wife, Sarah, and I have also spent a considerable amount of time overseas. I have no special credentials as a member of the board other than an ability to listen."

Barb McCorkle

"My husband and I have lived in the South University neighborhood since 1987 so we are neither the newest nor the oldest of those living here. We have grown to love the area and appreciate the diversity of political view, economic capacity, family composition, ethnic background and housing style we find here. Within that diversity is our strength and I would hope to respect, learn and represent this variety of views if I have the opportunity to serve as a member of the SUNA board."

Nancy McFadden

"I would like to serve on the Board of SUNA. I have lived on 21st for almost 22 years. I love this neighborhood and feel very privileged to be able to have lived here for so long. My children attended Edison, Roosevelt and South Eugene, and my grandson attended first grade at Edison. Before I retired, I taught social studies at Cascade Jr. High/Cascade Middle School for several years. I lived in West University Neighborhood for much of that period and served on their Board during that time. Since retiring, I spend much of my time gardening and enjoying the amenities this neighborhood offers. If elected to the board I would work to reestablish a neighborhood association that included all our neighbors."

Marilyn Milne

"I am running for the SUNA board because I love this neighborhood and want to be involved. I was excited when my family and I were able to buy a home here, and I want to help the neighborhood remain special. That's why I favored the historic district. I hope to see SUNA move forward in a thoughtful way. I am particularly interested in working to ease traffic problems and prevent vandalism."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 4	SUNA ELECTION & GENERAL MEETING	EDISON SCHOOL CAFETERIA	6:30 PM, 7 PM
APRIL 8	AMERICAN RED CROSS FAMILY SAFETY DAY	862 BETHEL DRIVE	10 - 3 PM
MAY 12	OPENING CEREMONY: EUGENE FILM FESTIVAL	DIVA DOWNTOWN	
MAY 12 - 14	EUGENE FILM FESTIVAL	BIJOU ART CINEMA HDQTRS.	
MAY 20	EDISON/SUNA BENEFIT GARAGE SALE	EDISON SCHOOL CAFETERIA	8:00 - 4 PM
MAY 25	COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS CITY HALL	1376 OLIVE STREET	6:30 - 8 PM

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